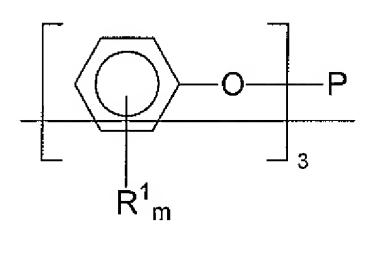
In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

- 1. (withdrawn) An additive composition for use as at least a partial replacement for mixed metal, alkali-metal and tin-based stabilizer additives for use in vinyl resins wherein said composition comprises:
 - (a) at least two phosphite esters selected from the group consisting of
 - (i) triaryl phosphites and C₁₋₉ alkyl substituted derivatives thereof,
 - (ii) C_{8-15} alkyl phosphites,
 - (iii) mixed phosphites having at least one C_{8-15} alkyl moiety and at least one aryl moiety therein, a combination of said moieties totaling three,
 - (iv) C_{10-15} alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites and C_{1-9} alkyl substituted derivatives thereof,
 - (v) poly- and mono- alkylene glycol phosphites,
 - (vi) C₈₋₁₅ pentaerythritol phosphites, and
 - (vii) mono- and di- C_{8-15} alkyl p-cumyl phenol phosphites and C_{1-9} alkyl substituted derivatives thereof; and
 - (b) a zinc additive wherein a molar ratio of P/Zn is from about 80:1 to 4:1, and wherein said composition is essentially free of calcium, cadmium, barium and tin.
- 2. (currently amended) The composition of claim 4 10 wherein
 - (a) said ratio is from about 75:1 to 6:1.
- 3. (currently amended) The composition of claim 2 wherein
 - (a) said ratio is from bout about 73:1 to 8:1.
- 4. (currently amended) The composition of claim 4 10 wherein said at least two phosphite esters are selected from the group consisting of
 - (a) triaryl phosphites and C_{1.9} alkyl substituted derivatives thereof of formula (I)



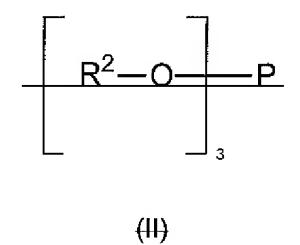
(1)

wherein

is independently selected from the group consisting of H and C₁₋₀-alkyl, and

m is an integral value from 0 to 1 inclusive,

(b) C₈₋₁₅ trialkyl-phosphites of formula (II)



wherein

R² is selected from the group consisting of C₈₋₁₅ alkyl,

(c) mixed phosphites having at least one C₈₋₁₅ alkyl moiety and at least one aryl moiety of formula (III)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & &$$

(III)

wherein

R¹ is as previously defined,

R² is as previously defined,

m is as previously defined, and

n is an integral value from 1 to 2,

(d)(a) C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV) and C₁₋₉ alkyl substituted derivatives thereof

$$(R^3-O)_2-P-O-(C(CH_3)_2)$$

(IV)

wherein

R¹ is as previously defined, is independently selected from the group consisting of H and C₁₋₉ alkyl, and

R³ is C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl, and

m is as previously defined, is an integral value from 0 to 1 inclusive, and

(e) poly- and mono- alkylene glycol phosphites of formula (V)

$$\begin{bmatrix}
CH_3 \\
CHCH_2O
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$CH_3 \\
CH_2CHO$$

$$CH_2CHO$$

$$R^1_m$$

(∀)

Wherein

R⁴ is as previously defined,

m is as previously defined, and

p is an integral value from 0 to 1 inclusive,

(f)(b) C_{8-15} pentaerythritol phosphites of formula (VI) and C_{1-9} alkyl substituted derivatives thereof

$$R^4-O-PO-PO-R^4$$
(VI)

wherein

R⁴ is the same as R¹, and

(g) mono- and di- C_{8-15} alkyl ρ -cumyl phenol phosphites and C_{4-4} alkyl substituted derivatives thereof of formula (VII)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CH_3 \\
CH_3
\end{array}$$

wherein

R⁵ is the same as R¹.

- 5. (currently amended) The composition of claim 4 wherein a percentage weight loss of said <u>additive</u> composition as measured as a difference between a start and an end weight of said composition as measured after exposure to two hours at 110°C, is less than 1% by weight.
- (currently amended) The <u>additive</u> composition of claim 5 wherein a percentage weight loss is less than 0.5% by weight.

7. (currently amended) The composition of claim 4 wherein

(a) a first phosphite ester is C_{10-15} alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV) and C_{1-9} alkyl substituted derivatives thereof

$$(R^3-O)_2-P-O-(C(CH_3)_2)_2$$

(IV), and

- (b) at least one second phosphite ester is selected from the group consisting of
 - (i) mixed phosphites having at least one C₈₋₁₅ alkyl moiety and at least one aryl moiety of formula (III)

(III),

(ii)(i) C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV)

$$(R^3-O)_2-P-O-(C(CH_3)_2)$$

(IV), <u>and</u>

(iii) poly-and-mono-alkylene glycol-phosphites of formula (V)

(∀),

(iv) (ii) C₈₋₁₅ pentaerythritol phosphites of formula (VI)

$$R^{4}-O-PO-PO-R^{4}$$

(VI), <u>.</u>

(v) mono- and di- C₈₋₁₅ alkyl p-cumyl phenol phosphites and C₁₋₄ alkyl substituted derivatives thereof of formula (VII)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CH_3 \\
C \\
CH_3
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
O-P \\
CH_3
\end{array}$$

(VII),

wherein

 R^4 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , m, n and p are as previously defined.

- 8. (deleted)
- 9. (currently amended) The composition of claim 4 10 wherein said phosphite ester is selected from the group consisting of

C₁₂₋₁₅ bisphenol-A phosphite of formula (VIII)

$$\left[(C_{12-15}H_{25-31}O)_2 - P - O - \left(CH_3 \right)_2 \right]$$

(VIII), and

C₁₀ bisphenol-A phosphite of formula (IX)

$$\begin{bmatrix} (C_{10}H_{21}O)_2 - P - O - (CH_3)_2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(IX), <u>.</u>

tetraphenyl dipropylene glycol diphosphite of formula (X)

(X),

phenyl diisodecyl phosphite of formula (XI)

$$O-P-O-C_{10}H_{21}$$
(XI),

diphenyl isodecyl phosphite of formula (XII)

$$OPO-C_{10}H_{21}$$
(XII),

diphenyl 2-ethylhexyl phosphite of formula (XIII)

diisodecyl-PE diphosphite of formula (XIV), and

mone p-cumyl phenol diisodecyl phosphite of formula (XV)

$$\begin{array}{c} CH_3 \\ CH_3 \\ CH_3 \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} C-C_{10}H_{21} \\ CH_3 \end{array}$$

- 10. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1 which further comprises A stabilized vinyl resin which comprises:
 - (a) an additive composition for use as at least a partial replacement for mixed metal, alkali-metal and tinbased stabilizer additives for use in said vinyl resin; and
 - (b) a halogenated resin; and
 - (c) wherein said additive composition consists of:
 - (i) at least two phosphite esters selected from the group consisting of C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites and C₁₋₉ alkyl substituted derivatives thereof, and C₈₋₁₅ pentaerythritol phosphites; and

- (ii) a zinc additive wherein a molar ratio of P/Zn is from about 80:1 to 4:1, and further wherein said additive composition is free of calcium, cadmium, barium and tin.
- 11 (original) The composition of claim 10 wherein a level of zinc is approximately 50 to 800 ppm zinc per 100 parts resin.
- 12. (original) The composition of claim 11 wherein said level of zinc is approximately 100 to 500 ppm zinc per 100 parts resin.
- 13. (original) The composition of claim 12 wherein said level of zinc is approximately 100 to 250 ppm zinc per 100 parts resin.
- 14. (original) The composition of claim 11 wherein said halogenated resin is flexible polyvinyl chloride.
- 15. (withdrawn) An additive composition for use as at least a partial replacement for mixed metal and tinbased stabilizer additives for use in resins wherein said composition comprises at least two phosphite esters, and wherein:
 - (a) a first phosphite ester is C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV) and C₁₋₉ alkyl substituted derivatives thereof

$$(R^3-O)_2-P-O-(C(CH_3)_2)_2$$

(IV), and

- (b) at least one second phosphite ester is selected from the group consisting of
 - (i) mixed phosphites having at least one C_{8-15} alkyl moiety and at least one aryl moiety of formula (III)

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix}_{3-n}^{2-n}$$

(III),

(ii) C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV)

$$(R^3-O)_2-P-O-Q_2-C(CH_3)_2$$

(IV),

(iii) poly- and mono- alkylene glycol phosphites of formula (V)

$$\begin{bmatrix} CH_3 \\ -CHCH_2O \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} CH_3 \\ -CHCH_2O \end{bmatrix}$$

(V),

(iv) C₈₋₁₅ pentaerythritol phosphites of formula (VI)

$$R^{4}-O-PO-PO-R^{4}$$
(VI),

(v) mono- and di- C_{8-15} alkyl *p*-cumyl phenol phosphites and C_{1-4} alkyl substituted derivatives thereof of formula (VII)

$$\begin{array}{c}
CH_3 \\
CH_3
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
O-P = O-R^5 \\
CH_3
\end{array}$$
(VII),

wherein

R¹ is independently selected from the group consisting of H and C₁₋₉ alkyl,

 R^2 is selected from the group consisting of C_{8-15} alkyl,

 R^3 is C_{10-15} alkyl,

R⁴ is the same as R¹,

 R^5 is the same as R^1 ,

m is an integral value from 0 to 1 inclusive,

n is an integral value from 1 to 2, and

p is an integral value from 0 to 1 inclusive.

- (c) a zinc additive wherein a molar ratio of P/Zn is from about 80:1 to 4:1; and
- (d) said composition is essentially free of calcium, cadmium, barium and tin.
- 16. (currently amended) The composition of claim 15 which further comprises A stabilized vinyl resin which comprises:
 - (a) an additive composition for use as at least a partial replacement for mixed metal, alkali-metal and tin-based stabilizer additives for use in said vinyl resin; and
 - (b) a halogenated resin; and
 - (c) wherein said additive composition consists of at least two phosphite esters, and further wherein a first phosphite ester is C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV) and C₁₋₉ alkyl substituted derivatives thereof

$$(R^3-O)_2-P-O-(C(CH_3)_2)$$

(IV), and

(d) at least one second phosphite ester which is selected from the group consisting of

(i) C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV)

$$(R^3-O)_2-P-O-(C(CH_3)_2)_2$$

<u>(IV),</u>

(ii) C₈₋₁₅ pentaerythritol phosphites of formula (VI)

$$R^4 - O - P - O - R^4$$
 $(VI)_{i}$

and wherein

is independently selected from the group consisting of H and <u>C₁₋₉ alkyl, and</u>

R³ is C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl, and

R⁴ is the same as R¹, and

m is an integral value from 0 to 1 inclusive, and

(e) a zinc additive for said additive composition wherein a molar ratio of P/Zn is from about 80:1 to 4:1; and

(f) said additive composition is free of calcium, cadmium, barium and tin.

- 17. (original) The composition of claim 16 wherein a level of zinc is approximately 50 to 800 ppm zinc per 100 parts polyvinyl chloride.
- 18. (original) The composition of claim 17 wherein said level of zinc is approximately 100 to 500 ppm zinc per 100 parts polyvinyl chloride.
- 19. (original) The composition of claim 18 wherein said level of zinc is approximately 100 to 250 ppm zinc per 100 parts polyvinyl chloride.
- 20. (currently amended) The composition of claim 45 16 wherein said polyvinyl chloride is flexible polyvinyl chloride